



**PATENT**

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Applicant : John C. Quigley  
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For : **METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR PROCESSING A TUBE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 14, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification:** There are no amendments to the specification.

**Amendments to the Claims:** Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.